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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"May I submit to you, Sir, that when a reference is made to a certain paper, it is placed generally on the table of the House. In this case I made an attempt to get it here and I did not get it and if he refers me again on the floor of the House to go to the library and get the thing, it makes the answer practically of no value."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—"I am sorry, Sir. The *Fort St. George Gazette* is supplied free to all Members of the Legislative Council and therefore I think it unnecessary to place a copy on the table of the House."

Auction of toddy shops.

*94 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether all the toddy shops have been sold by auction this year and if not, how many remain unsold and in which districts ;

(*b*) what is the amount realized by the sales in each district as compared with last year ; and

(*c*) whether the Government anticipate any loss in the income from this source and if so, to what extent ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) A statement is appended.[a]

11-45 a.m. Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—"May I know from the hon. Minister whether the temporary closing of shops mentioned in the statement furnished in answer to this question and the loss anticipated in the current lease is the result of the propaganda carried on by the Committee ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—"To some extent it may have contributed."

Mr. T. C. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—"May I know whether there has been any reduction in the quantity of consumption ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—"In the current year there has been reduction in the quantity of consumption."

Mr. T. C. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—"It is due to the propaganda or to picketing ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—"It is due to several causes of which this propaganda is supposed to be one."

Industries

Encouragement to handspun and handwoven cloth industry.

*95 *Q.*—Mr. K. KOTI REDDI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state what practical steps the Government propose to take to encourage the cottage industry of handspun and handwoven cloth ?

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A.—The hon. Member's attention is invited to paragraph 5 of the Cottage Industries Committee's report relating to handspinning and handweaving published in G.O. No. 864, Development, dated 21st April 1930, which has been placed at the disposal of the press. The recommendations made by the Committee are under the consideration of Government.

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" When is the Government likely to come to a decision on this matter ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" As quickly as possible."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether, in view of the policy of the Government to encourage these cottage industries, they will be pleased to rescind the order prohibiting Co-operative Societies from undertaking these cottage industries ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" I am sorry I have nothing to do with that question."

Working of Calix drills of the Industries Department.

* 96 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Calix drills of the Industries Department are generally fitted up with steam-engines ; and

(*b*) whether in view of the scarcity of fuel in parts of the province a crude oil-engine or a kerosene-engine has been or will be substituted for the steam engine to work some of the drills ?

A.—(*a*) The Industries Department at present owns three Calix drills, two of which are run with steam-engines and the third with an oil-engine.

(*b*) The steam-engine is preferred as it conduces to more efficient drilling than any other type of prime-mover. Besides, it is considered to be the most dependable power unit and its life is comparatively longer than that of an oil-engine. For these reasons the oil-engines which were originally used for the Calix drills of the department were replaced by steam-engines when they became unserviceable.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether steam-engine is always superior to oil-engine under any condition or is it superior with reference to particular conditions only ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" Expert opinion is to the effect that a steam-engine is always more efficient than an oil-engine for this purpose."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Is the hon. Minister aware that exactly reverse is the opinion of the Mysore Government ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" I have not heard it."